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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Box Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 2, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please substitute claims 1 and 4 as follows for pending claims 1 and 4. A marked up copy showing the changes to claims 1 and 4 follows this amendment.